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#### **EDUCATION**

University of California San Diego, San Diego, California

2020 - 2025 (expected)

Ph.D. in Linguistics

Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey

M.A. in English Language Teaching

Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey

2012-2016

#### PUBLICATIONS

B.A. in English Language Teaching

Yeter, Ö., **Evcen, E.**, Rabagliati, H. & Özge, D. (2024). Understanding cognitive and language development in refugees: Evidence from displaced syrian children in Turkey. Cognitive Development, 69, 101412

Evcen, E. & Wittenberg, E. (2022). Making the Question Under Discussion explicit shifts counterfactual interpretation. Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society, 44.

Özge, D. & Evcen, E. (2020). Referential form, word order and emotional valence in Turkish pronoun resolution. In U. Özge and D. Zeyrek (eds.). Turkish Discourse, Structure and Meaning. Trends in Linguistics Series, De Gruyter Publishing.

### PRESENTATIONS

**Evcen, E.** & Barner, D. (2023). Time course of conditional inferences. Poster at the 10th biennial meeting of Experimental Pragmatics (XPRAG), September 2023, Université Paris Cité – CNRS, Paris, France

Evcen, E. & Wittenberg, E. (2022). Negation facilitates comprehension of English counterfactuals. Short talk at Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP 28), September, 2022, University of York, United Kingdom.

**Evcen, E.** & Wittenberg, E. (2022). Making the Question Under Discussion explicit shifts counterfactual interpretation. Short talk at the 44th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci), July, 2022, Toronto, Canada.

**Evcen, E.** & Özge, D. (2022). Pronoun resolution in Turkish Transfer-of-possession verbs: Evidence from comprehension and production. Talk at the 3rd Cologne Ankara Discourse Meeting (CADiM3), July 2022, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany.

Özge, D., **Evcen, E.** & Hartshorne, J. (2022). Implicit causality biases in Turkish psychological state events. Talk at the 3rd International Conference on Prominence in Language (ICPL3), June, 2022, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany.

**Evcen, E.** & Wittenberg, E. (2021). The Consideration of Alternatives During Incremental Comprehension of Counterfactuals. Short talk at Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP 27), September, 2021, Université de Paris, France.

Özge, D., **Evcen, E.** & Hartshorne, J. (2020). Referential form, word order and emotional valence in Turkish pronoun resolution. Poster at the 33rd Annual CUNY Human Sentence Processing Conference (CUNY), March, 2020, University of Massachusets, Amherst, United States

Evcen, E., Özge, U. & Özge, D. (2019). Turkish *unless* is not biconditional unless the pragmatic context allows it. Poster at the 8th Experimental Pragmatics Conference (XPRAG), June 2019, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, United Kingdom.

Özge, D., **Evcen, E.**, Kesici, A. & Köse, E. (2018). How do Turkish speakers interpret pronouns in Transfer-of-Possesion contexts? Talk at the 14th Workshop on Altaic Formal Linguistics (WAFL14), October, 2018, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA.

Özge, D., **Evcen, E.**, Kesici, A. & Köse, E. (2018). How do Turkish speakers interpret pronouns in Transfer-of-Possesion contexts? Talk at the 2nd International Conference on Prominence in Language (ICPL2), July, 2018, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany.

# GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

#### Grants

Academic Senate General Campus Research Grant, UC San Diego The Nature of Conditional Inferences (PI: David Barner) March 2023 (\$12000)

### Awards

GPSA Travel Award, UC San Diego (\$300)
Linguistics Department Travel Award, UC San Diego (\$750)
Linguistics Department TA Excellence Award, UC San Diego

September 2023 Summer 2023

2025

2023

## **TEACHING**

## Graduate Teaching Assistant

September 2020 - Present

UC San Diego, California

Linguistics 121: Syntax I (Winter 2024)

Linguistics 101: Introduction to Linguistics (Winter 2020; Fall 2021; Spring 2021;

Fall 2022; Winter 2022; Spring 2022; Fall 2023)

Linguistics 8: Languages and Cultures of America (Fall 2020; Winter 2021)

# Mentorship September 2020 - Present

UC San Diego, California

Vaidehi Bhavaraju (Undergraduate Research Assistant)	Fall 2023 - Present
Priscilla Lin (Undergraduate Research Assistant)	Fall 2023 - Present
Katherine Jamison (Undergraduate Research Assistant)	Fall 2023 - Present
Maansi Narain (Undergraduate Research Assistant)	Fall 2023 - Present
Ajax Asana (Undergraduate Research Assistant)	Spring 2022 - Fall 2023
Piper Mahn (Undergraduate Research Assistant)	Summer 2023
Miguel Mejia (Postbac Research Assistant)	Fall 2020 - Spring 2021
Lea Zaric (Undergraduate Research Assistant)	Fall 2020 - Spring 2021

# Language Instructor

TOBB University of Economics and Technology, Turkey

Preparatory English Program

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

#### RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

## Language and Development Lab

2021 - Present

UC San Diego

PI: David Barner, Department of Psychology

# Language Comprehension Lab

2020 - Present

Central European University

PI: Eva Wittenberg, Department of Cognitive Science

# SFB 1252 Prominence in Language

June - July 2022

University of Cologne

PI: Klaus von Heusinger, Department of Linguistics

Guest in C04 - Conceptual and referential activation in discourse

# Language and Cognitive Development Lab

2017 - 2019

Middle East Technical University

PI: Duygu Ozge, Department of English Language Teaching

# Language and Communication Development Lab

June- August 2016

Koc University

PI: Aylin Kuntay, Department of Psychology

Summer Undergraduate Research Program (KUSRP)

#### SUMMER SCHOOLS AND OTHER EDUCATION

### Seventh Summer School on Statistical Methods for Linguistics and

September 2023

Psychology, Potsdam, Germany

Advanced methods in frequentist statistics with Julia

Study Abroad, Keele University, Staffordshire, United Kingdom

January-June 2015

TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)

## SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Languages: Turkish (native), English (bilingual fluency), Southern Uzbek (fieldwork)

Technical skills: R/RStudio (advanced modeling, data visualization), Praat, LATEX, GitHub, PCIbex Psycholinguistics, experimental semantics and pragmatics, quantitative methods

2016 - 2020